

Mexican Border: U.S. Agricultural Quarantine Information

Notice to Travelers

Declare all agricultural items you bring from Mexico. *Failure to do so may result in delays and fines of up to \$1,000.* Fruits, vegetables, meats, and birds taken from the United States to Mexico may not be allowed to reenter. Consult in advance with inspectors of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Prohibited Items

Agricultural items are prohibited if they can carry plant pests or animal diseases.

Fruits and Vegetables All fruit not on the permitted list below is prohibited. Sugarcane is prohibited. Potatoes are prohibited, including Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, and yams. (*Exceptions:* Cooked potatoes are permitted. Avocados without seeds are permitted, except in California.)

Plants, Seeds, and Soil Plants and seeds require special permits. Soil and some plants are prohibited. Check in advance with agricultural inspectors. (*Exception:* Some dried plant parts, such as for medicinal purposes, are permitted.)

Meat and Game Pork—raw and cooked, including sausages, cold cuts, skins, and pork tacos, is prohibited. (*Exceptions:* Shelf-stable, canned pork and hardcooked pork skins [cracklings] are permitted.) Poultry—raw meat from both domesticated and game fowl is prohibited. (*Exception:* Thoroughly cooked poultry is permitted.) Game—check with agricultural inspectors in advance. Other restrictions may apply; check in advance with agricultural inspectors.

Eggs Prohibited. (*Exceptions:* Boiled and cooked eggs are permitted.)

Live Birds Wild and domesticated birds, including poultry, are prohibited. To import personally owned pet birds, contact agricultural inspectors in advance.

Straw Generally prohibited. This includes wheat straw, seeds, animal feed, and all articles made from this material.

Permitted Items

In addition to the excepted items listed above, many agricultural items are permitted if they pass inspection to be sure they are free of pests, soil, and sand.

Fruits and Vegetables Permitted fruits are bananas, blackberries, cactus fruits, dates, dewberries, grapes, lemons, limes (sour), lychees, melons, papayas, pineapples, and strawberries. Vegetables are permitted, except for those on the prohibited list above. Okra, however, is subject to certain restrictions.

Nuts Permitted items are acorns, almonds, cocoa beans, chestnuts, coconuts (without husks or milk), peanuts, pecans, pinons (pinenuts), tamarind beans, walnuts, and waternuts.

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